(e) if not, the steps taken against the officials responsible for undertaking agreements irresponsibly?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) the Food Corporation of India has not directly exported any rice from the Central Pool during the year 1995-96.

(b) to (e) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Pension to Widows of Super Bazar Employees

80. SHRI DIPLIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that widows of erstwhile employees working under the jurisdiction of General Manager, Super Bazar have been denied pension;

(b) whether representations have been pending for expediting the accumulated amount of pension to their next of kin;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the measures being taken to release the amount of pension; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DEPTT. OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM) (SHRI VENOD SHARMA): (a) No, Sir. It has been reported by Super Bazar that they contribute to the employees Pension Scheme under the Provident Fund Act and the benefits are payable to the employees by the Office of the Commisioner of provident Fund and not by Super Bazar.

(b) It has been reported by the Super Bazar that no representation regarding pension of any employee or his/her kin is pending.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Chinese Cooperation in Coal Sector

81. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chinese Government has offered to provide India their technology for mechanised long wall mining, as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 14th November, 1995;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether our Study Team which visited China in 1994 has carefully studied/understood the Chinese long wall and hard roof management technology and its usefulness in our country; and

(d) whether China's delegation has also agreed to visit India for giving another boost to the developing Sino-Indian Cooperation in Coal mining technologies and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, Two powered support longwall systems have been received by Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) from China and Coal India Limited have signed agreements with China national Coal Mining Engineering Equipment Group Corporation for supply of four mechanised longwall sets for installation in four different mines of South Eastern Coalfields Limited.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir.

Bungling in Food Corporation of India

82. SHRI M.A. BABY: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) how many cases of improper accounting, shoddy phsicial verification of stocks, misappropriation of grains enroute, misappropriation of foodgrains by FCI officials are pending enquiry as on 31st October, 1995 in Food Corporation of India;

(b) what is the total amount of rupees involved in each category of the cases;